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Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, *10th January* 1871.

Read the following papers :—

No. 136. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, through Revenue Department.
(Here enter No. 5,783, dated 19th September 1870.)

No. 137. Do. do. do.
(Here enter No. 6,573, dated 9th November 1870.)

No. 138. ORDER THEREON, 10th January 1871, No. 68.

ACCOUNT, No. 14.

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3. In their Proceedings of the 8th July 1870, No. 4,759, the Board explained to Colonel Moberly that it was the duty of a Collector, if he noticed unauthorized expenditure in a Progress Report, to call for explanation, but pointed out that this should be done through the Superintending Engineer. At the same time the Board reminded Mr. Boswell that, when corresponding with Officers of the Public Works Department, he was addressing officials who were not subordinate to him, and that he should endeavour to preserve that "cordial understanding and co-operation with the Superintending Engineer which is essential to the interests both of the public service and of the people."

4. With reference to these Proceedings Mr. Boswell has submitted his letter of the 12th August 1870, in which that Officer cites some of the cases which appear to have led to the differences above noticed. In these the conduct of Lieutenant A. C. Smith appears prominently in a most unfavourable light, and had not the services of that Officer been placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief preparatory to returning to England for a tour of Home duty, the Government would have felt it necessary to have marked their displeasure by removing him from the Kistna District.

5. The Government have seen with much dissatisfaction the very injudicious and irritating part taken by Colonel Moberly in the misplaced support he has given to his subordinate even when Lieutenant Smith had no justification for his

behaviour, as well as in the other matters in dispute with Mr. Boswell. It is incumbent on all members of the Department to take care not to put themselves in opposition or antagonism to the Revenue Officers of the District in which they are serving, but to co-operate with those Officers in a frank and friendly manner. Colonel Moberly has on various occasions shown a disregard of this obligation, and His Excellency in Council thinks it necessary now to warn him that the Government will continue to observe his future course in his relations with the Revenue Authorities with close attention, and that, if it is not marked by a ready and friendly co-operation for the advancement of the public interests, he will be reduced from the grade of Superintending Engineer and never be employed again in that capacity.

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(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department.
,, Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

REVENUE CIRCULAR.

No. 113.

Supplies to be paid for on delivery.

Collector's Office Kistna,
20th September 1869.

It has been brought to the Notice of the Officiating Collector that certain Officers of different Departments do not make it a point to pay immediately on the spot for all supplies furnished for their use, requiring Bills to be sent in afterwards or leaving it to their servants to arrange with the parties. While insisting upon the Heads of villages affording every assistance to Public Officers in procuring supplies &c. the Officiating Collector particularly requests their officials of the Public Works, Police, Medical, Post Office, Telegraph Vaccination and any other Departments will make it a point to pay ready money themselves for all supplies furnished to them paying the money into the hands of the Head of the Village or the Komaty who supplies them before they leave a village.

J. A. C. BOSWELL,
Officiating Collector.

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వస్తువలుపుచ్చుకున్నమీద వాటిఖరీదుయివ్వడమును గురించి.

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కొన్నిడిపార్టుమెంట్ల వుద్యోగస్తులు తమఉపయోగమునిమిత్తము తెప్పించుకునే వస్తువలకుఖరీదు తెప్పించుకున్న చోటయివ్వకనున్న బిల్లులుపంపించినపిమ్మట ఖరీదు పంపిస్తామనిగాని లేక ప్యార్టీలతో లెక్కపరిష్కరించుకుని రావలశినదని తన నవుకర్లనువుంచడవువాడుకకలిగివున్నట్టు ఆఫీషయేటింగు కలెక్టరుగారి జాహిరులోకివచ్చినది గ్రామయజమానులు పబ్లిక్‌వుద్యోగస్తులకు భోజనసామగ్రివగైరావస్తువలుతెప్పించి సరంజాంచేయించవలశినది వారికి విధాయకముగా యేర్పరుచుతూ పబ్లికువర్క్సు పోలీసు మిడికల్ పోస్టాఫీసు టెలిగ్రాఫు వేక్సినేషన్ యింకాయితరడిపార్టుమెంట్ల యిలాకా వుద్యోగస్తులు తాముపుచ్చుకునే అన్నివస్తువలకు ఖరీదు రొక్కముగా గ్రామయజమానిపరముగా లేక వస్తువలు యిచ్చిన కోమటికిగాని గ్రామంనుంచితిరిగిపోకపూర్వమె యివ్వవలశినదని ఆఫీషయేటింగు కలెక్టరుగారు కోరుతున్నారు

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In a letter from the
Off. Collector T. D.
dated 12. August
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To The Secretary
to the Board of Revenue
Madras

No. 3689

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6. The Govt. at the same time deem it proper to record their disapproval of the course taken by Mr. Boswell in publishing in the District Gazette a Circular order addressed to the Subordinates of another Dept.-

I think it but fair to add an admonition to Mr Boswell who, if I am rightly informed, has made himself rather notorious by his bad understanding with the D.W. officers before now. I believe he is not on speaking terms with Col. Moberley refused an invitation to his house & does not do what he might to keep on good terms with him. I fear we shall not put the members of the two professions on good terms without making some severe examples.

The additional paragraph proposed

reduced from the grade of Sub Engineer and never be employed again in that capacity.

6. The Govt. deem it right at the same time to remind Mr Boswell that it is most essential that he should abstain from any step which could wound the susceptibility or bench upon the rights of officers belonging to a coordinate & independent branch of the public service. The interests of the Govt. & country can only be ~~served~~ secured by perfectly good understanding and friendly cooperation between the officers of the Revenue & Public works Depts. and the Govt. are determined to enforce such an understanding by measures of severity against those who will not do their utmost to preserve it.

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by His Excellency appears to me not to be warranted by anything which has transpired in the present or in any previous correspondence with reference to Mr Bonwell's bearing towards the Public Works Officers. It concludes with a warning which is tantamount to a censure which I do not consider to be deserved by Mr Bonwell. I cannot be a party to the paragraph in question.

[signature]

I concur with the Architect.

J. D. S.

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Revenue Department

Memo: for Orders on No. 3,013.

With their Proceedings the Board of Revenue submit for the orders Govt. certain papers from which it appears that the relations between the Collector of the Kistna District and the Officers of the P. W. Dept. are most unsatisfactory.

2 The Rules for the administration of Local Funds require Executive Officers of the D. P. W. to forward monthly progress reports of Local Fund works to Collector, and their reports are incorporated in the Collector's monthly Local

Mr. Boswell was clearly wrong in issuing his Circ: No. 100 – there was no hurry in the matter & he ought to have ad-dressed the Supt Engr.

In other respects he has, I think, done no more than his duty – and done it with courtesy & propriety.

Lieut Smith's conduct to the Collr. & his relations with the people & the Collr's subordinates seem to me most imperfect

Local Fund accounts which are submitted to the Board of Revenue in whom the control of all Local Fund operations is vested, and who, therefore necessarily require to be kept informed how the works are progressing.

3 It appears that some of the progress reports received by Mr Boswell were defective and incorrect, and that he corresponded with the Range Officers on the subject direct, and on one occasion issued a circular to them in the District Gazette. This Colonel Moberly considered an undue interference on the part of Mr Boswell with the P.W.D. and the unfortunate state of affairs in the District was thus brought to the notice of the Board in the first instance.

4 The Board referred the matter to Colonel Moberly who replied that Mr Boswell made himself so troublesome and disagreeable

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is unsatisfactory & he should, I think, be immediately transferred to another District.

Col Moberly has I think laid himself open to some censure, not merely for the carrying "contention" spirit he has himself displayed but also for not checking the imperfect conduct of his subordinate. Col M: has I believe been censured once if not oftener, for bringing about a similar state of things -

J. D. S.

I would remove Lt Smith at once to another District and intimate to Lt Colonel Moberly that if he continues to maintain the position of antagonism which he has assumed toward the Collector he will again be removed from, & will not be employed in, the appointment of Superintending Engineer. The order and letter go out in the Public Works Department.

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I would immediately remove Lt Smith with a strong expression of the displeasure of Govt. to another district and inform him that if his

by assuming powers over the officers of the P. W. Dept., which he did not possess, and by demanding expla-nations &ca, that he thought it advisable to limit his communications with the Range officers as much as possible

5: In their Pro. dated 8th July the Board ex-plained to Col. Moberly that it would be clearly wrong in a Collector if he noticed unauthorized expenditure in a progress report not to call for explanation, but desired Mr. Boswell to do so whenever possible through Col. Moberly. They also desired

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6. With reference to these Proceedings Mr. Boswell submits his letter dated 12 Aug: /70 which discloses that he has been subjected to series of insults and impertinences from Lieut. Smith the

future conduct in connection with the Revenue authorities and the people is not marked with greater courtesy and punctuality he will be removed from the Dept. of Public Works. Colonel Mobeeley should be informed that the Govt. have seen the temper of his correspondence with Mr. Boswell with the gravest displeasure, that they will continue to observe his future course in his relations with the Revenue Authorities with close attention and that if it is not marked by a

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Moberly), and that on making
representation to the latter
officer on the subject, he
has not only failed to
obtain any redress but
has occasionally ~~[illegible]~~
incurred his contemptuous
sarcasm as noticed by
the Board

7. It is clear too that in
his dealings with the
people of the District Lieut.
Smith has acted with gross
oppression both as to al-
leged impressment of labor
and non-payment for
supplies and carriage

Orders are requested -

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Memo

Differences between Supt Engr and Treas & Colby Kirkaldy

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Nos. 4709 & 4710

Govt. of {1870} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Revenue Department

Dated

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 10 Jan 1870, No. 68

Nos. 136 to 138

Progress Reports of Local Fund Works:- Passing orders on ~~the~~ Pro. of the Bd. of Rev. submitting correspondence relating to certain differences between the Engineer, 2nd Dn. & the Collr. of the Kistna Dt. regarding ~~the~~ the power of the latter ~~Officer~~ to address Range Officers direct with a view to obtaining information ~~with~~ respecting items entered

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